

# KWMS Panther Paws

November 18, 2022

## Message from the Principal

Thanksgiving Day is a time to open our hearts and give thanks. It is a day that really connects us to the people we care about and the things that are important in life. There are precious few days when we can spend time with those we love, celebrating our families, both the ones we are born into and the ones we have built.

Thanksgiving offers the perfect moment to surround ourselves with love and to enjoy the warmth of those who mean the most to us. I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for your continued support of Kenyon Woods, our staff and all of our students. I would like to share a quote with you that was recently shared with me.



**"Gratitude is the attitude that sets the altitude for living."**

I'm thankful to work at a place that values thankfulness, kindness, relationships, and love... As we model these attributes, our students will catch them! When they do, the world will become a better place! I am thankful to be a part of this wonderful community, to work with an incredibly dedicated staff and to be able to help shape the future of all of our students. **I would like to encourage you to send a note of gratitude to one of the many incredible staff members we have here at Kenyon Woods!** Please click on the link below to send someone a few kind words this season!

Thank you everyone!

**[CLICK THIS LINK TO SEND A STAFF KUDOS](#)**

Thank You  
Lisa Olsem ~ Principal

**WE ARE KENYON WOODS AND WE DREAM BIG!**

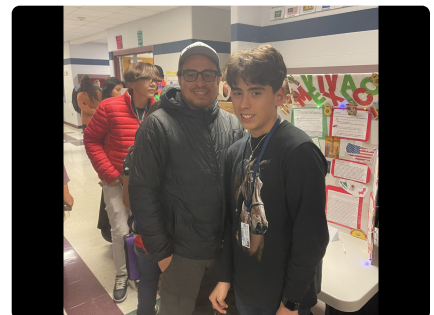
**To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also DREAM; not only plan, but also BELIEVE!**  
~ Anatole France

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## CELEBRATION OF "US"!

This week we celebrated the MANY diverse cultures of Kenyon Woods; who we are, where we came from and the invaluable contributions we all bring to our KWMS community through our diversity! We are all beautiful, important, necessary, capable and real. We have so much to give and receive. We must never forget that we have the power to make our world and the lives of others better.

I want to thank some key people for helping us to plan, organize and implement all of our incredible activities this week. First, we want to thank Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Gentry, Ms. Andrews, Mrs. Schnell and Mr. Besinaiz for putting together an amazing Culture Fest Tuesday after school. We all loved to see the students' presentation and the parent participation! What a great event for all. Next, I would like to thank our Universal MTSS team for all the displays around the school, morning announcements, music, assemble and so much more that helped us to celebrate our diversity! Thank you Audrey Limoges, Tier I Coach; Tammy Bennett, Michael Rollins, Cynthia Newland, Valerie Andrews, Eve Perdikaris, Valerie McCann and so many others. Finally, I would like to thank Ms. Mattei for being the driving force behind this week of celebrations. Without her vision and perseverance, none of this would have been possible! Thank you everyone!



# THANK YOU TO LA JOYA DORADA MARIACHI FOR PERFORMING FOR US!



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## FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

From the nurse:

Cold and Flu season are in full effect - we have seen increased cases of respiratory illnesses including Flu, RSV, and Covid at school. As a reminder, **please do not send your student to school if they are sick and have symptoms including:**

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- new onset of moderate to severe persistent headache
- shortness of breath
- new cough
- sore throat
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- new loss of sense of taste or smell

If your student is out sick for any of the above symptoms the nurse may call to follow up prior to your student's return to school. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your student's absence with the nurse please call - Nurse Brandy (847) 289-6685 ext. 2242.

\*\*Also as a reminder - students are **NOT** allowed to bring medicine to school. This includes cough drops, Vick's VapoRub, nasal sprays, Tylenol, ibuprofen, etc..

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## **ATTENDANCE MATTER!**

We love seeing our students every day at school, especially as we near the holiday season and the end of 2022. Please remember that it is extremely important that our students are in school and on time to class every day, right up until the end of the school day and before any upcoming school break days.

Every day in school counts and helps build the foundation for your child's academic success. It is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as collaborate with their peers on rigorous, standards-aligned tasks that require critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication. When your child is absent, they miss out on this collaboration.

Extended absences and/or vacations during the school year are discouraged and considered unexcused absences. The only approved vacation periods for U-46 occur during Thanksgiving and winter recess, spring break, and summer vacation. Thank you, as always, for your support and cooperation.

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# KENYON WOODS PTO

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## THANK YOU



### AND SCENE....!

Play auditions for the all school production, *Alien Invasion: A Night of One Acts*, will be Tuesday, December 13 from 3:35-4:35 pm OR Wednesday, December 14, 7:50-8:50 am. Interested participants for onstage or backstage roles must see Mrs. Turcan in B137 for an audition/information packet or print the packet attached to this email. Any questions should be directed to [KariTurcan@u-46.org](mailto:KariTurcan@u-46.org).

### FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

We have one more landscape painting from Art 3 student Laiba Khan. Also, a very special prize winner, Mikaela Goeltenbodt won a competition to complete an imagination drawing picture to design a memorial honoring veterans during our Veterans Day activities last week. She was able to complete an already started picture by creating a fountain and park setting. She drew a place where people could share memories (polaroids hanging from the trees) while enjoying a serene fountain full of patriotic flags. She did an excellent job of using techniques taught in her Art 1 class to make her ideas stand out.



**\$500.00 Cash Prize  
to the Winner**

Tuesday December 20th, 2022  
Thursday December 22th, 2022

6:00pm - 8:00pm



**AUDITIONS**

*Do you think  
you have talent?*

**Martin Luther King**

Presented by Brothers Rise Up & I Am Lead

**TALENT SHOW**

Your audition Must be performance ready. Please come prepared with all music and materials needed for your audition. Performance will be limited to 3 minutes and can be either an individual or group performance. Audition Sign up will be located (fill in location here). See Mr. Cook with any questions

Elgin High School  
1200 Maroon Dr, Elgin, IL 60120

PERFORMANCE:  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH 2023

To register: [brothersriseup.com/talent-show/](https://brothersriseup.com/talent-show/)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL 8TH GRADERS!

Future 9th Grade Course Selection Process - Save the Dates

On **Thursday, December 8, 2022**, SEHS will host a curriculum and extra-curricular fair for all incoming 8th Grade Students and Parents. You are encouraged to attend their presentation and explore the elective offerings at the high school, as well as athletic and club activities. The program will run from 6 – 8 PM; beginning in the auditorium. After a short presentation, families will be dismissed to participate in the other activities planned.

On **Wednesday, December 7th, 2022**, the SEHS counselors will be visiting the middle schools to present information regarding the registration process, graduation requirements, and other important information in regards to SEHS. During those presentations, your student will be given a copy of their course selections for next year. Be sure to ask for the sheet with course selection options from the counselor presentation your child will receive.

Counselors will visit Kenyon Woods Middle School starting **the week of December 12th** to meet with the students to pick their courses for next year. You do not need to contact SEHS to make an appointment; the counselors will be going to your students. Please review the [Curriculum Guide](#) and [Videos](#) for information about every course offered for the 23/24 school year. You will use this information to complete the [course selection sheet](#) with your student and turn it into the school counselor.

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# BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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## SOUTH ELGIN CLUBHOUSE

Register today for the Boys & Girls Club

**FREE** After School Program opening December 2022!

**Hours:**  
Monday - Friday  
After school -  
7:00PM

- All Students Grades K-8th!
- Limited transportation from Clinton, Willard, Fox Meadow, Otter Creek and Kenyon Woods!
- Register NOW to be eligible to receive a free computer with membership!

### ACTIVITIES

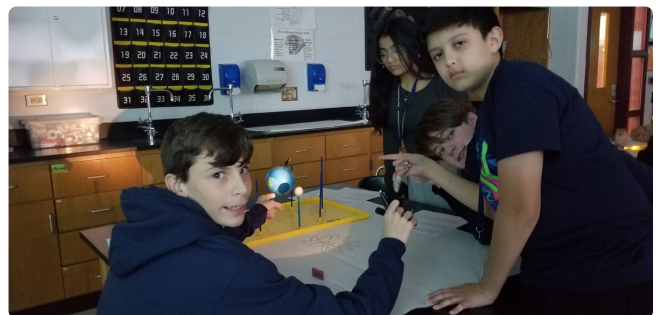
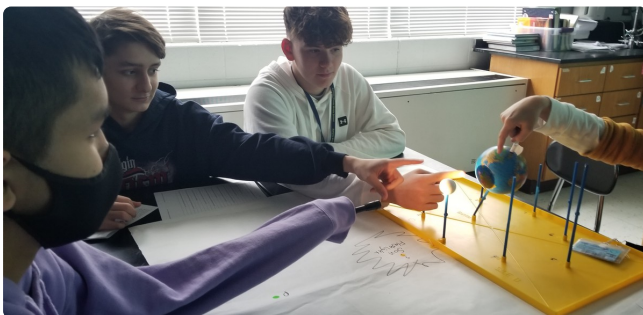
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HOMEWORK HELP  
SPORTS & GAMES  
TEEN ROOM  
SNACK




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### ECLIPSE IT!

Students in Mr. Gotfryd and Mrs. Schnells co-taught class explore the reasons the Earth experiences solar eclipses. If you look closely, you can see the moons shadow on the Earth.



### IF YOU ARE ABSENT

Just a reminder, if your student is absent for any reason, please have them check their Canvas page for what they missed. It is important to keep up or catch up if they miss class.



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## SAVE THE DATE - MAP TESTING IS NOVEMBER 29TH & 30TH

Please make sure you are in school on these days. More details to follow.



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## PANTHER STAFF KUDOS!

While we love recognizing the great things our students do, we often forget to thank those behind the scenes. Now is your chance to recognize our amazing staff that continually goes above and beyond for our students. Parents and students can now send positive messages to show their appreciation to any person on our staff by simply scanning the QR code below and filling out the form. Please help us in recognizing the amazing community we have here at Kenyon!



[CLICK THIS LINK TO SEND A STAFF KUDOS](#)

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## DON'T MISS OUT - ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Yearbook prices have gone up to \$30 (standard) & \$34 (personalization). Get yours before the next price hike.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VIEW OR BUY PICTURES/YEARBOOK PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#).

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## ARE YOU A KENYON WOODS GRADUATE?

Parents: If you were a student at Kenyon Woods Middle School & now have a student here, we would love to put together a Legacy Page in our yearbook. If you can find a picture of yourself in middle school, we would appreciate it if you could send that to Kathy Gentry with your name and your student's name. We will put your picture & your students picture side-by-side on the legacy page.

[Email: KathyGentry@u-46.org](mailto:KathyGentry@u-46.org)

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## IMPORTANT DATES

11/23 - 11/27 - Fall Break - No School  
11/29 & 11/30 - MAP Testing  
11/29/22 - Boys Basketball vs Canton - Home  
12/5/22 - Boys Basketball vs. Tefft - Home  
12/6/22 - Band Concert  
12/7/22 - SEHS Counselors course presentations to future freshman (during the day)  
12/7/22 - Boys Basketball vs Canton - Away  
12/8/22 - Future Freshman Night - SEHS  
12/13/22 - Orchestra Concert  
12/15/22 - 6th Grade Curriculum Night  
12/22/22 - Last Day of School before winter break

What's on the MENU this month?

Link to all 2022/23 KWMS Panther Newsletters



### Kenyon Woods Middle School

Website: <https://www.u-46.org/KenyonWoods>

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**Lisa Olsem**

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